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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

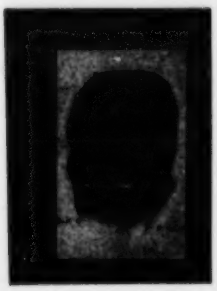
Subject: **First day of issue — 7 August 2003: "Ralph Bunche — centenary of birth" and definitive stamps**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 7 August 2003, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of three stamps to commemorate the centenary of the birth of Ralph Bunche. For two decades as Under-Secretary-General he played a leading role in the conception and conduct of the United Nations peacekeeping function. In 1950, Mr. Bunche was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace.

2. The stamps in denominations of 37¢, Sw F 1.80, and €2.10 are based on charcoal portraits by Leo Cherne (United States of America) and were adapted as stamps by Rorie Katz (United Nations).

(United States equivalents — Sw F 1.80: $1.38, and €2.10: $2.47, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



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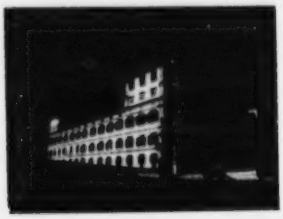
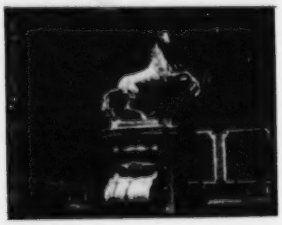
Definitive stamps

3. Also on 7 August 2003, UNPA will release a new Vienna definitive stamp in the denomination of €0.04. The stamp shows a photograph of the Schloss Eggenberg in Graz which is credited to Graz Tourism Gmbh.



4. On the same day, UNPA will make available a reprint of the €0.51 stamp (2002).

(United States equivalents — €0.04: 5 cents and €0.51: 60 cents, subject to exchange rate fluctuation.)



General information

5. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 7 August, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. First day of issue cancellations can be obtained at a temporary U.S. Postal Service substation located outside the United Nations Bookshop in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

7. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.